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444 Pounds of Marijuana Smuggled into the U.S. Homemade Backpacks Held Over \$155,000 in Drugs

Campo, California - Over 444 lbs. of marijuana were recovered by Border Patrol agents working near Campo early this morning.

Agents working in the border area near Campo observed seven individuals walking through the brush north of the border at 6:00 am, each of which appeared to be carrying homemade burlap backpacks. One of the individuals, a 22-year-old Mexican man, was apprehended when agents moved in. With the help of a Border Patrol service canine, four of the burlap backpacks were discovered hidden in the brush.

A short while later, agents apprehended two additional suspects, a 26-year-old and a 31-year-old Mexican man. In addition, three more bags containing marijuana were located. A total of 444 lbs. of marijuana were seized.

Today's efforts follow several large seizures in San Diego County. Agents working in the same area seized over 452 lbs. of marijuana one week ago. Since October 1st, Border Patrol agents in San Diego have seized over \$2.5 million in illegal narcotics.

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